

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Government did not say so.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Ernakulam-Women*): Is the building constructed from public funds?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It was raised by public subscriptions.

TEACHERS RECRUITED AS CLERKS—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

43. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether teachers are being recruited to the clerical line in the Education Department;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to give the number, caste-war list, qualification of such teachers and grades of pay they are first appointed to as clerks, during the years 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Only one teacher has been permanently drafted as clerk so far. She is a Nayar by caste, a School Final and was drafted as attender on Rs. 15—20.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, whether there are acting hands drafted to the clerical staff from the teachers?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They are acting in short vacancies, for one month or 15 days. It is not possible to say whether there are many at present.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Were there any cases where teachers were given promotion to the grade of clerks in the Education Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The hon'ble member can see that the lowest scale of a Malayalam School teacher is Rs. 17 and the pay here is Rs. 15—20. There cannot be any question here of such promotion.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Then is it depromotion that this particular lady was given?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not that I know of.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are there applications from teachers to be drafted as clerks in the Education Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There were applications. They were dealt with in several different ways. Some were refused. Others were registered and kept pending.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): If it is depromotion will there be applications for depromotion?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is not a question of degradation in any sense of the word. There is difference in the kind and quality of the work. One particular gentleman recruited here was ill and had some trouble with lungs. He said he does not want to shout from one end of the day to the other. That appears to be the reason why he was given a change. That was some years ago.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know, Sir, what will be the maximum pay in the grade of a teacher (P. 3)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 17.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Is there no increment for this post?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is fixed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): So Rs. 15—20 means an increment. May I now what was the salary of the lady teacher at the time she was drafted to the clerical line?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 17.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): What is the salary that was given to her when she was entertained as a clerk?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 15.

SCHOOL FINAL EXAMINATION—TEACHING OF AGRICULTURE AS OPTIONAL SUBJECT.

44. **Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar** (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Government educational institutions in which provision is made for the study of agriculture as an optional subject for the School Final Examination;